

# IHS Injury Prevention News

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Best of  
wishes to you  
in your new  
endeavors,  
Stewart!

## Farewell, Stewart!

After 4-1/2 years as District Environmental Health Officer in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Stewart Watson has accepted a position as an investigator with the Food and Drug Administration in Florida. Stewart coordinates environmental health services for Tribes in Michigan and Wisconsin. Stewart's expertise in injury prevention has made him a valuable resource to Tribes, the Bemidji Area, and National IHS Injury Prevention Program. Stewart's previous assignments were with Navajo and Portland Area IHS.

## Injury Prevention Grants!

The **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)** has again distributed its annual Indian Highway Safety Program grants Request for Proposal (RFP). Tribes are encouraged to apply for these funds which can be used in the following areas: 1) Alcohol & Drug initiatives; 2) Occupant Protection incentive/enforcement initiatives, purchase of child car seats and rental space, and training; 3) Police Traffic Services; 4) Traffic Records; 5) Safe Communities; and Construction Zone Safety. Proposals must be received by BIA by **June 1, 2002**. For more information or to request an RFP, contact BIA at 505-248-5053 or Diana Kuklinski at 218-444-0503.

The **Sleep Safe Fire Safety Program** for Head Start is beginning its fourth year, and RFP's will be mailed to Head Start Directors in late February. This program provides curriculum and smoke detectors to Head Start programs, and a training workshop for coordinators. The deadline for applying for the program is **May 1, 2002**. For more information or to request an RFP, contact Diana Kuklinski.

The **Bemidji Area IHS** has Injury Prevention Special Project funds available to Tribes for projects during FY'03. Projects may be funded in the areas of motor vehicle crash, fire, falls, assault, and suicide injury prevention. Multiple proposals may be submitted, and each project may be funded for a maximum of \$5,000. Proposals are due **June 1, 2002**. For more information, contact Diana Kuklinski.

The Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is soliciting one-page mini-proposals for activities aimed at reducing the number and severity of motor vehicle crashes in Minnesota. These funds may be used for projects that address behavioral change. Projects should have a time frame between October 1, 2002 and September 30, 2003. Proposals must be received by OTS by March 25, 2002. For more information call Diana Kuklinski or Tina Folch, 651/296-3804.

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The **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)** announces "National Youth Gang Survey Trends From 1996 to 2000." This 2-page Fact Sheet highlights findings from the five National Youth Gang Surveys conducted annually since 1996 that show a decrease in youth gangs (reported by respondents) of 53% in 1996 to 40% in 2000. This report is available at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/fact.html#fs200203>

For more information on OJJDP resources, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org>

### Grants, continued

**Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.** The US Fire Administration (USFA) has grants available for fire departments for fire fighting equipment and fire/burn prevention activities. The application period runs **March 1-April 1, 2002**. Applications may be downloaded from <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants>

For information on grant workshops sponsored by US Fire Administration, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/02wrkshps.htm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/02wrkshps.htm)

For more information, contact the USFA help line at 866-274-0960 or email [usfagrants@fema.gov](mailto:usfagrants@fema.gov)

## In the Spotlight!

### White Earth Head Start and parents work together to prevent injuries

Last year, White Earth Head Start began providing child car seat training and booster seat installation to parents and students enrolled in their program. Their efforts paid off in December, when a student riding in her booster seat was spared serious injury during a motor vehicle crash. Chantel Hanks (pictured below) was presented with a Ford Boost America! t-shirt and lunchbox by Kay Sunram, Health, Nutrition and Safety Coordinator at White Earth Head Start. Their story can be found at:

<http://www.boostamerica.org/sucstories.htm>



Chantel Hanks  
and Kay  
Sunram, White  
Earth Head Start

*"In the Spotlight!" is a new feature in IP News. It highlights injury prevention activities of Tribes in our area. If you have activities that you would like to include, please send them to Diana Kuklinski.*

## National Tribal Steering Committee for Injury Prevention

The Bemidji Area IHS is proud to announce that Antoinelle Benally Thompson, Injury Prevention Program Manager, Fond du Lac Band, Minnesota, has been selected as our Area representative to the National Tribal Steering Committee (TSC) for Injury Prevention. The TSC has 3 objectives:

- On a national level, raise awareness of, and support for, injury prevention activities in American Indian/Alaska Native communities
- Enhance the ability of Tribes to address injury problems in their communities
- Provide advice and guidance to the Injury Prevention Program of the Indian Health Service

TSC representatives participate in conference calls every 2 months, and two national meetings per year. If you have injury prevention issues that you would like to bring to the Area or national level, please contact Antoinelle at 218-878-2183. The TSC is meeting in Seattle in May to finalize their membership, bylaws, and budget. One major activity that they are working on is linking with the National Indian Health Board and other entities to bring awareness of injury prevention to the national level.

Bemidji Area is now recruiting for an Alternate to assist Antoinelle with TSC activities. The Alternate would participate in conference calls and represent the Area at meetings when Antoinelle is not able to attend. If you are interested in applying to be an Alternate, please call Antoinelle.

### Child Passenger Safety Videos

The Confederated Tribes of Washington and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission have teamed up to produce two videos to address child passenger safety in American Indian communities. "Securing our Future—Surviving Vehicle Crashes" and "Cradleboards—A Tradition of Safety and Security" may be ordered online at [www.wa.gov/wtsc](http://www.wa.gov/wtsc) or call Diana Kuklinski for a copy.

## INJURY PREVENTION CONTACTS

The following IHS and Tribal sanitarians can be contacted with questions concerning injury prevention topics:

Sanitarian	Works With:	Phone #
Diana Kuklinski	Resource for all tribes	218.444.0503
Chris Allen	Lower Sioux	218.983.6294
	Upper Sioux	
	White Earth	
Gregg Anderson	Leech Lake	218.335.8947
Mary Angell	Red Lake	218.679.3912
Inga Back	Bay Mills	906.635.4208
	Grand Traverse	
	Saginaw Chippewa	
Jennifer Falck	Oneida	920.497.5812
Carolyn Garcia	Hannahville	715.365.5120
	Keweenaw Bay	
	Lac Vieux Desert	
Stephen Piontkowski	Stockbridge-Munsee	281.444.0523
	Mille Lacs	
	Prairie Island	
Wayne Potter	Shakopee	218.444.0524
	Bois Forte	
	Fond du Lac	
Dick Reese	Grand Portage	715.779.3707 (Dick)
	Bad River	
	Lac Courte Oreilles	
Luis Salas	Red Cliff	715-682-7137 (Luis)
	Saint Croix	
Carol Rollins	Ho-Chunk	715.284.7830
Rob Voss		
Gary Schuettpelz	Menominee	715.799.6152
Sandra Supinski	Forest County	715.588.9815
	Lac du Flambeau	
	Sokaogon Chippewa	
Antoinelle Benally Thompson	Fond du Lac	218-878-2183
Vacant, Rhineland District Env. Health Officer	Huron Potawatomi	715.365.5112
	Little River Band	
	Little Traverse Bay Band	
	Pokagon Band	



### INTRODUCTION TO INJURY PREVENTION COURSE (LEVEL I)

**April 23-26, 2002**

Fargo, North Dakota

Sponsor: Bemidji and Aberdeen Area IHS

**Information: Diana Kuklinski 218.444. 0503**

**May 7-10, 2002**

Odanah, Wisconsin (East of Ashland, WI)

Sponsor: NNAHA (Bad River Band) and Bemidji Area IHS

**Information: Diana Kuklinski 218.444. 0503**

### 2002 CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAININGS

Harris, MI, Chip-Ins Island Resort, May 21-24

**Information: Anne Patton-Jerzewski, 734-324-5981**

### 2002 MINNESOTA CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAININGS

Rochester, August 21-22 (2-day CPS)

**Information: Sharon Munns, 507-255-5066**

St. Louis Park, Sept. 16-17 (2-day CPS)

**Information: Julie Philbrook, 612-347-8500**

### 2002 WISCONSIN CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAININGS

Madison, March 11-14, 2002

Eau Claire, April 9-12, 2002

Janesville, May 14-17, 2002

Milwaukee, June 10-13, 2002

Black River Falls, June 17-20, 2002

Superior, July 15-19, 2002

Richland Center, July 23-26, 2002

Green Bay, Aug. 7-10, 2002

Stevens Point, August, 13-16, 2002

Milwaukee, Sept. 12, 13, 16, 17, 2002

Wausau, Sept. 26, 27, Oct. 4, 5, 2002

**Information: Kareen Everman 888.344.7580**

## Editor's Note

I welcome any input concerning the content of this publication. I want it to be a tool to provide useful information to injury prevention professionals working with American Indians in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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